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MADE CLEAR
TO ME IT IS. DEAD
MY MEN ARE.
NONE LEFT THERE
IS BUT US. SEE
THIS I CAN.

TO MY HEAD
WENT THE POWER.
LOST CONTROL WAS.
FORGOTTEN WAS
ORIGINAL PURPOSE
THAT CAUSED
ME TO TAKE
COMMAND.

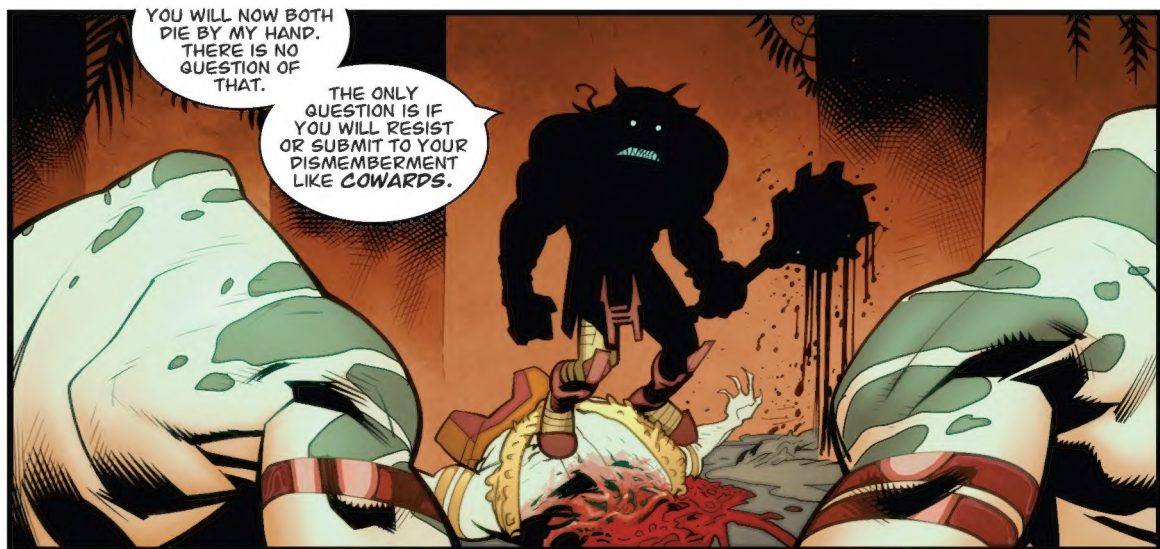
POWER
WAS I
OBSESSED
WITH. CLEAR
TO ME NOW
IT IS.

OPPRESS
MY PEOPLE,
NEVER
AGAIN I
WILL.

THAT LAST
PART, AT
LEAST, I
KNOW TO BE
TRUE.

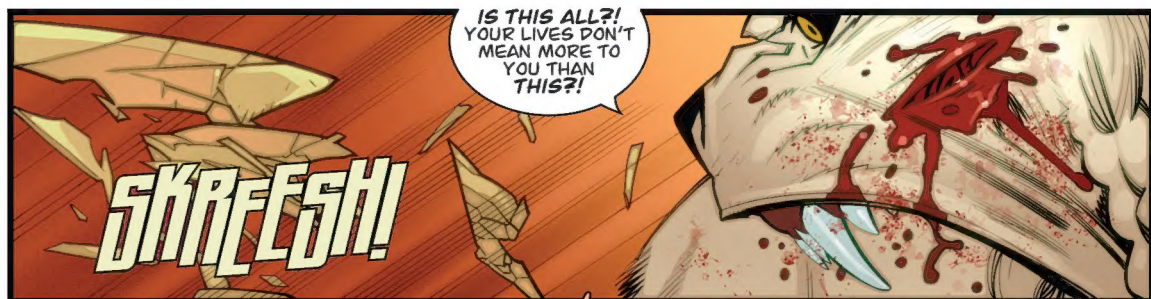


YOU'LL NEVER OPPRESS ANYONE AGAIN.



YOU WILL NOW BOTH DIE BY MY HAND. THERE IS NO QUESTION OF THAT.

THE ONLY QUESTION IS IF YOU WILL RESIST OR SUBMIT TO YOUR DISMEMBERMENT LIKE COWARDS.





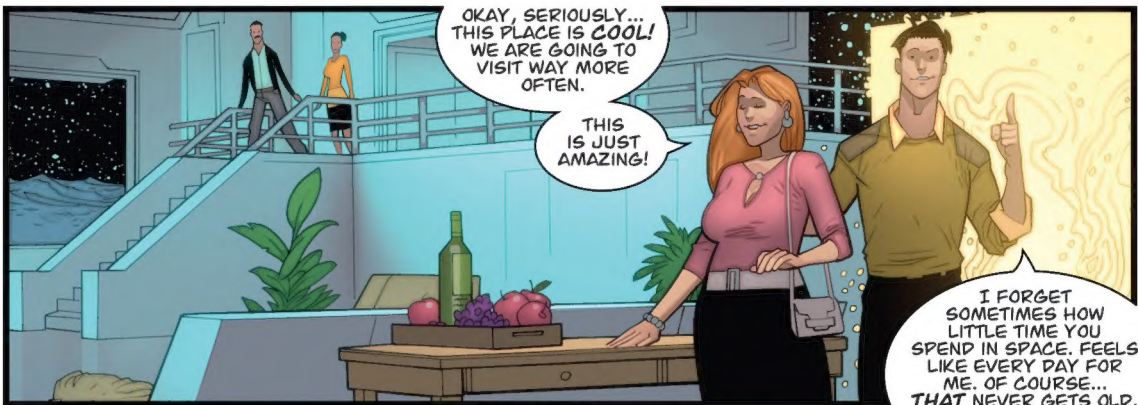
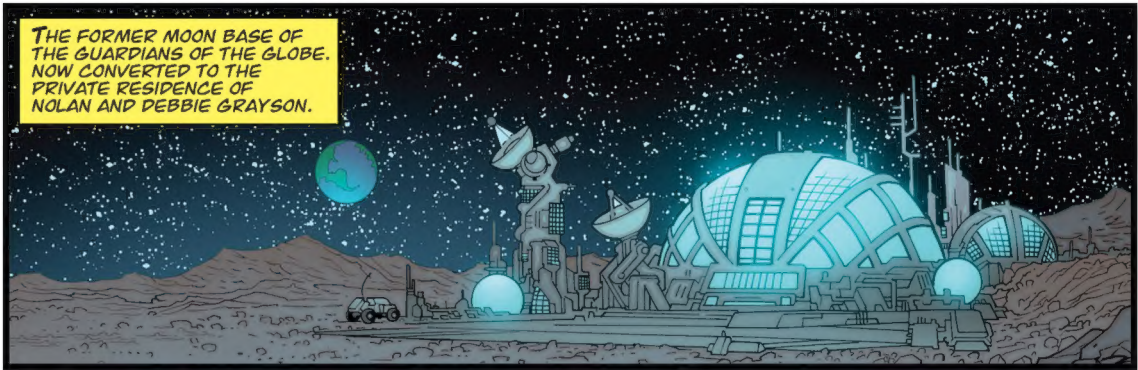
ARE YOU
NOW READY
TO LEAVE THIS
HORRIBLE
PLANET,
BATTLE
BEAST?

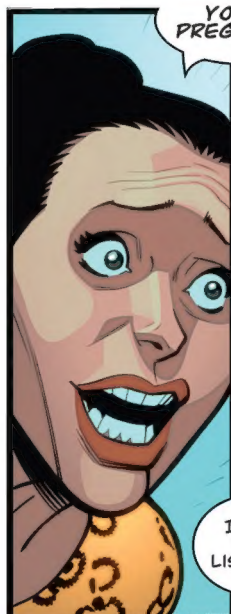


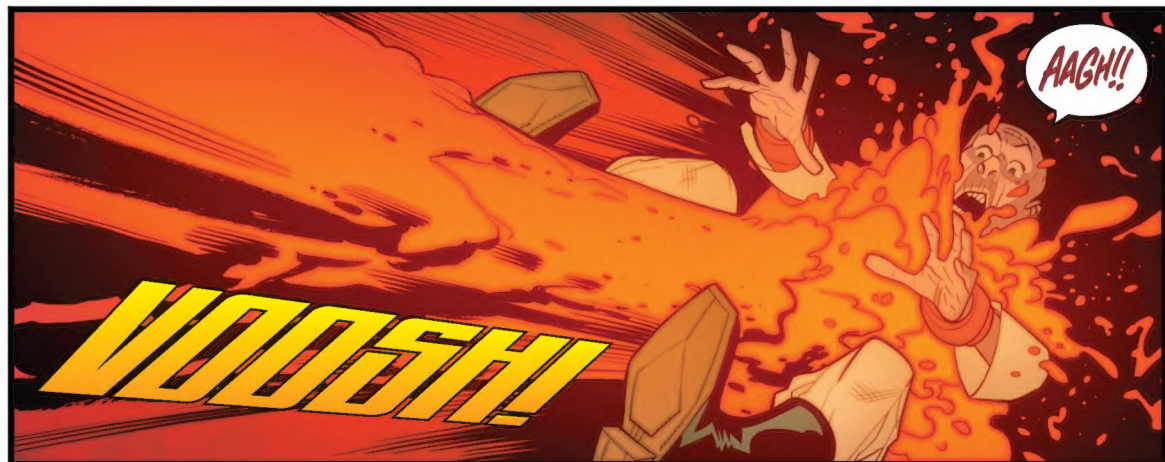
YES. THIS
WORLD HOLDS
NO MORE
CHALLENGES
FOR ME TO
FACE.

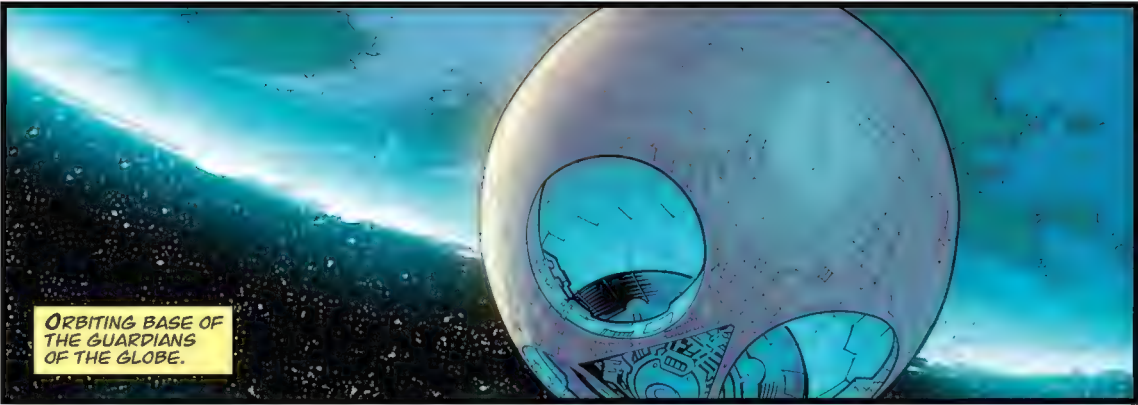
I WILL
COMPLY WITH
ALLEN'S REQUEST
AND ACCOMPANY
YOU BACK TO
TALESCRIA.











ORBITING BASE OF
THE GUARDIANS
OF THE GLOBE.

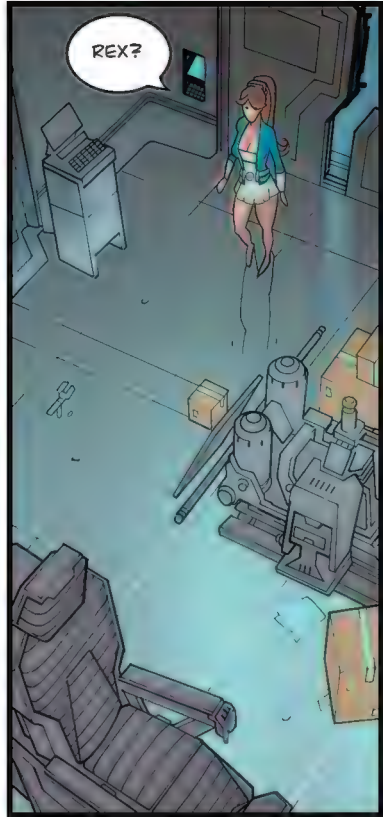


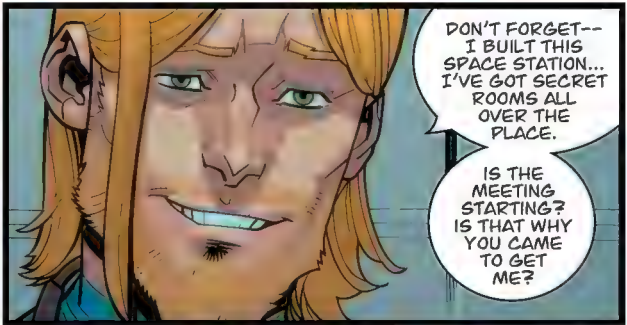
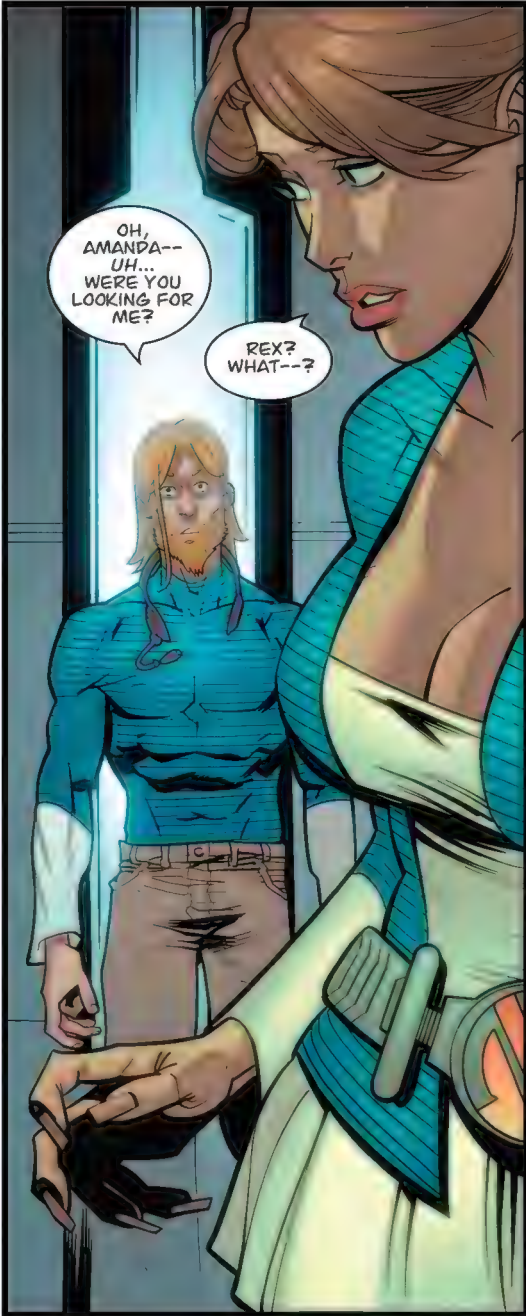
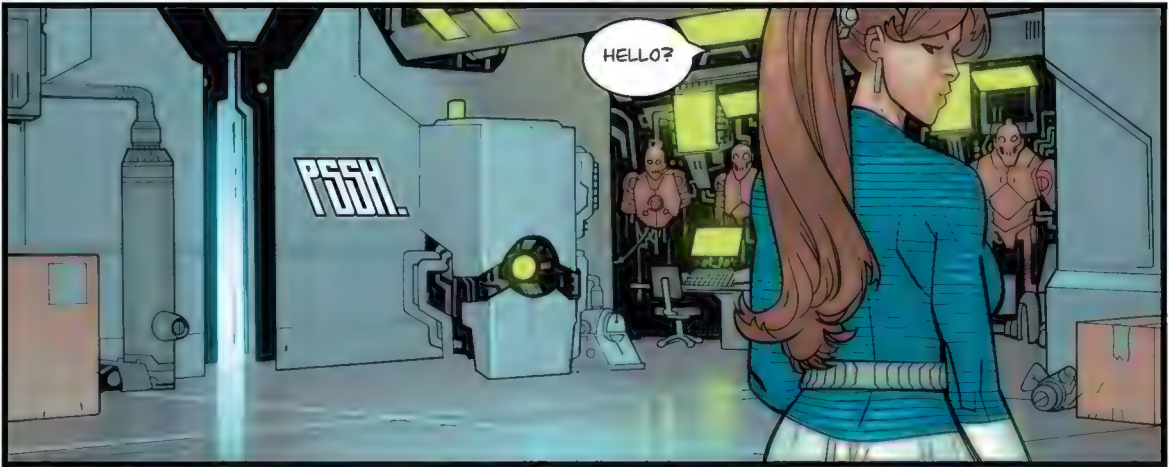
OH, I'LL SEND YOU A LINK.
SHE MAKES ALL KINDS OF
JEWELRY, BUT I THINK
THE EARRINGS ARE
THE BEST.

HAVE FUN
TONIGHT.

NO GUARANTEES ON THAT. I'VE
NEVER SEEN THE GUY IN PERSON,
SO... IT'S GOING TO BE AN
ADVENTURE. HE KNOWS ABOUT
THE WINGS, THOUGH...
SO AT LEAST THAT'S
OUT OF THE WAY.

SEE YOU
IN THE
MEETING!





I KNOW HE'S YOUR FATHER... BUT HE'S ALSO THE LEADER OF AN EVIL ALIEN EMPIRE AND JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO HE TRIED TO KILL YOU AND ENDED UP KILLING HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WHILE DOING SO!

YEAH, BUT...

...HE'S MY DAD.

THAT DOESN'T MAKE UP FOR EVERYTHING ELSE, MARK.

NOT FOR ME, AT LEAST.

IF YOU HATED ME FOREVER BECAUSE OF THAT, I WOULD UNDERSTAND.

AND IT SHOULDN'T.

NO, LISTEN. MARK AND I HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS. YOU'RE AN ALIEN WHO LIVED BY DIFFERENT RULES.

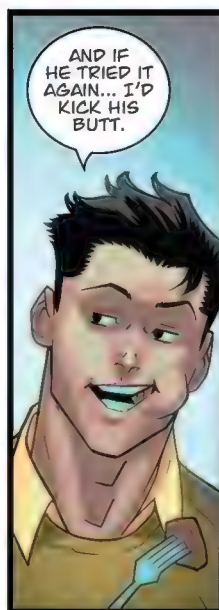
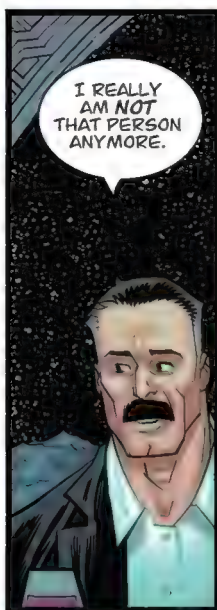
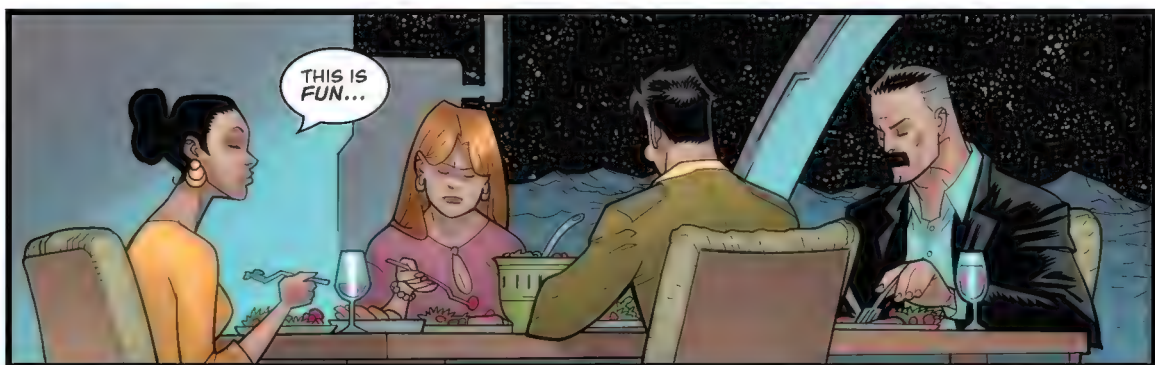
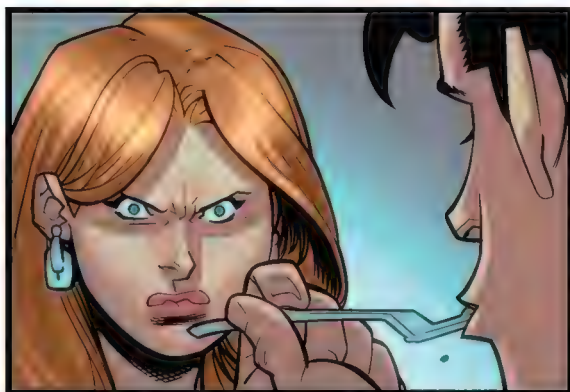
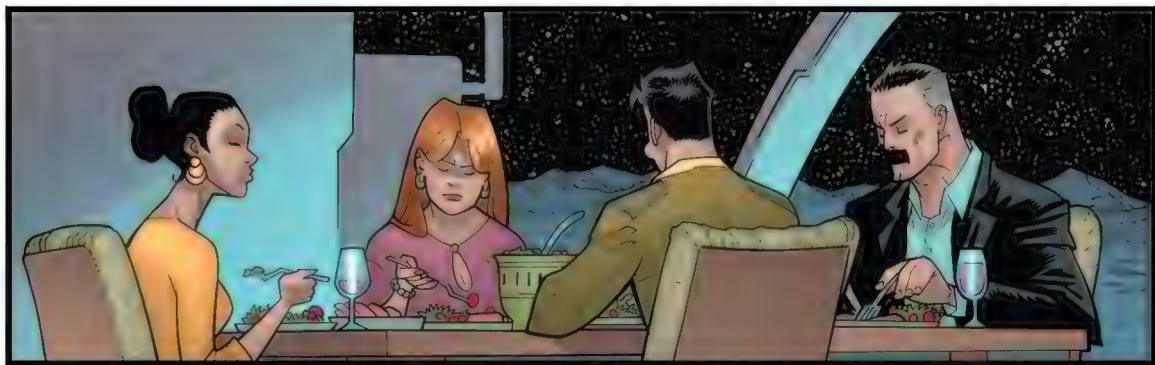
AND YOU'RE TRYING TO CHANGE.

I RESPECT THAT.

BUT FOR ALL I KNOW THERE'S A VILTRUMITE CUSTOM WHERE THE BABY IS PUNCHED OUT OF THE MOTHER AND GROWN IN A TUBE.

I ASSURE YOU, THERE IS NO SUCH CUSTOM.

WHO'S READY FOR DINNER?





HE REALLY IS A CHANGED MAN. I CAN PROMISE YOU THAT.

OTHERWISE WE WOULDN'T BE TOGETHER.

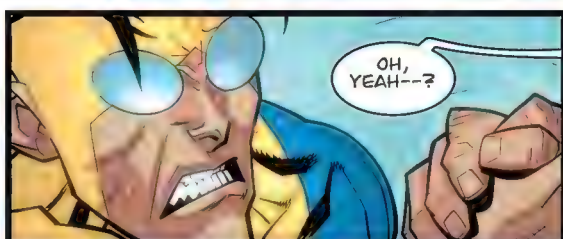
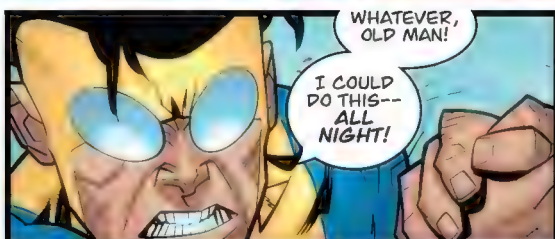
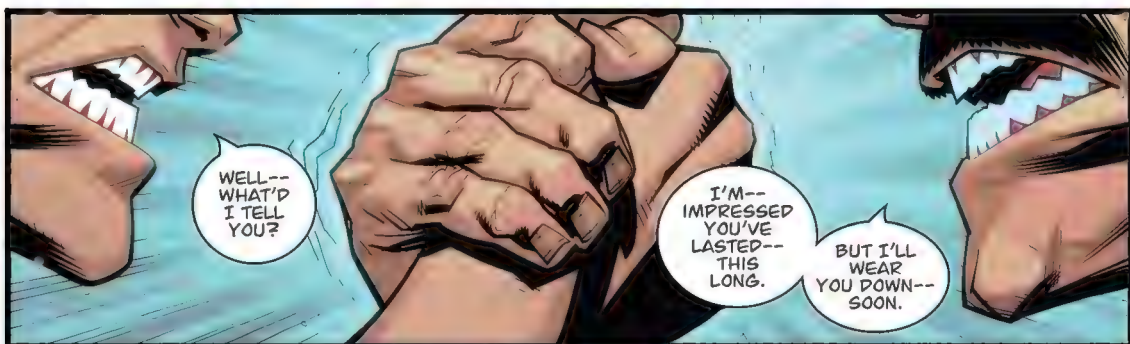
I KNOW... IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN HIM SINCE... Y'KNOW.

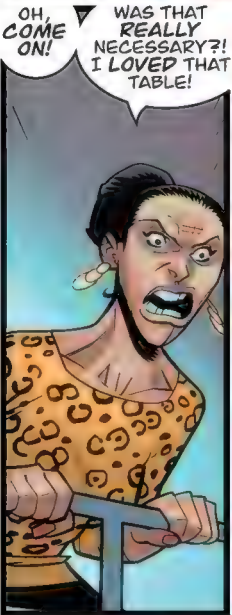
BUT THIS IS MY CHILD. I FEEL LIKE I HAVE TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL... CERTAIN... ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN.

YOU UNDERSTAND?

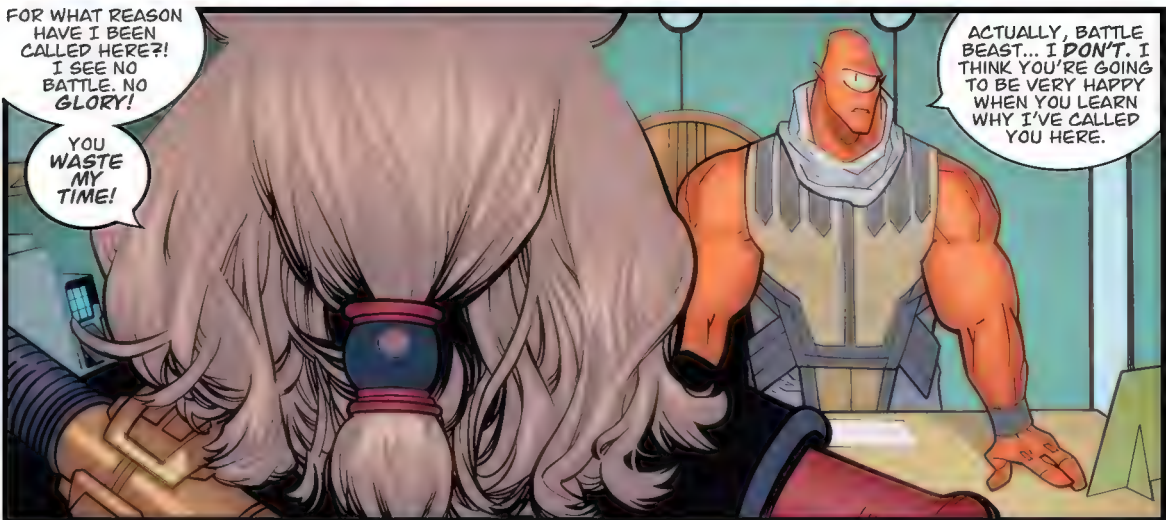
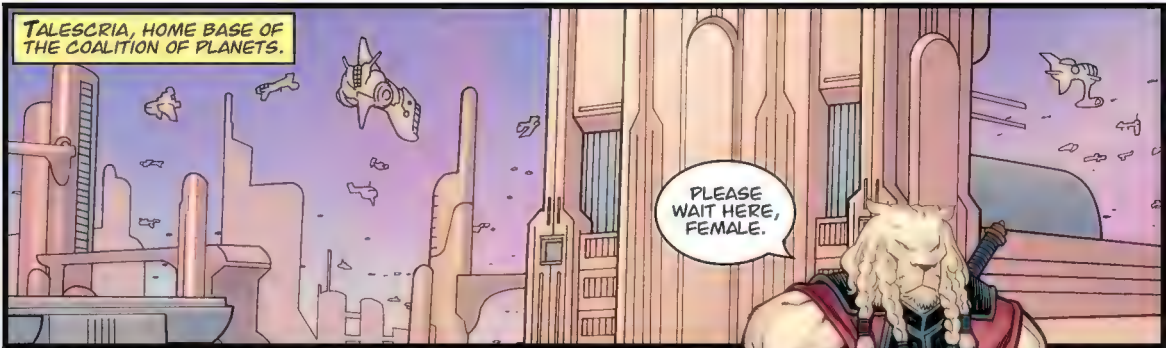
I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND.













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BATTLE BEAST! AND he gets sent on a mission to fight **THRAGG?! Of all the things you've written for Ryan to draw that promises to be an ALL-TIMER. I mean, it is going to happen, right?! You wouldn't be setting us up, right?!**

Uh... eventually! Stay tuned!

For now--LETTERS!

Dear Kirk Baby Fresh and Co,

1. I love this book so much and just can't get enough of it.
2. Can we maybe get a check in with Oliver some time soon? Pweaseeeee?

Anyway hugs and kisses,

Jack M

1. *Awesome. Good to hear.*
2. *SOON. Hint: He's older.*

Greetings Invincible crew!

I'm a longtime reader and this is the first I've ever written in to any comic. As an aspiring comic writer (who had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Kirkman at Image Expo!), I've always tried to pinpoint exactly what makes me love this series so much. The dynamic, clean and consistent lines of Ryan Ottley? The explosive and vibrant colors of John Rauch and colorists past (FCO!)? Or maybe it's just the sweet word-age of Robert Kirkman (Viltrumite sperm!)?

I think it's that last one! ;-)

And just the other day it hit me: Invincible is the ultimate Saturday morning cartoon of my young adult life. It's everything I love about super-heroes. Unique characters, an expansive mythology, art that conveys so much action and emotion...all delivered in an adventure/fantasy package that never takes itself too seriously. The addition of being a long-running creator owned comic with a consistent creative team is just icing on the cake. A true triumph.

I could go on about how much I love this book, how it's

informed much of my early adult years and how many of my best friends, co-workers and family I've gotten to pick it up...but I'll just end by saying a genuine "Thank you". This book is very special and there are very few others like it. Keep doing what you're doing, guys.

See you next Saturday (er, Wednesday)

Geordi Galang

Favorite Saturday morning cartoons: X-Men, The Tick, Beetlejuice....and then somewhere further down the list is C.O.W.-boys of Moo Mesa.

Was Silverhawks on Saturday Morning? Thundarr? Anyway... what's up, Sean?! Are we just printing positive mail this issue? Yuck!

I've been reading your stuff for a long time, and I'm a great fan, very appreciative of your work and creativity.

Here we go again...

For some reason, I'm really late to the Invincible party and have fallen in love with this book as well. There's so many awesome characters for some other work you did such as Guardians, Brit, Wolfman etc. I want more, then some more...and after than more of this universe.

What would recommend I read once I finish catching up to where you are now in the regular Invincible title?

You should definitely check out GUARDING THE GLOBE Vol. 1 & 2, and the forthcoming INVINCIBLE UNIVERSE Vol. 1 (November!). And if you like Wolfman, there's four trades of ASTOUNDING WOLF-MAN to grab as well.

Thanks you for all your hard work and making my weekends a great time.

Cheers,
Paul Fortin

You could also purchase TECH JACKET Vol. 1, CAPES Vol. 1 and BRIT Vol. 1-3. They're all great!

Robert,

The cliffhanger, a little confusing. The plot - seen it before, probably, in issues #33 and 34. I think Image

Comics guys can hang on too long really...you, Erik Larsen, even McFarlane. This is of course a mail about Invincible #104, for all your other readers. Say, how 'bout if all of Angstrom Levy's...flying eyes were to gain sentience, be installed in humanoid hosts, and spread out all over the world!!!!? What..? That's what I would do if I were Levy and I was trying to conquer the world. Although, I guess he's not that bad now, huh?

Now we're talking! Andrew J. Shaw saves the day!

Back to before: Can you imagine if Erik Larsen were to put his unique and prolific talents to work on something else at Image other than Savage Dragon? Maybe start a new series from scratch?? Or better yet - You! Kirkman could do that; maybe just hire a new co-writer for Invincible, someone with new ideas and who can take up some of the slack! No, I don't mean me; the only thing I can write is letters. Someone like Andy Diggie! His Action Comics run dried up, Snapshot is done--! You know he had a movie made out of The Losers, right? Just checking.

This may be the most ice-cold letter you've ever written, Shaw.

Totally...

I wonder, and so I will ask, how does Skybound work??? Like with Ghosted, the new Williamson series out recently. Was that all your idea, or did you just loan him the Skybound label? And what, exactly, is the "Sky" "Bound" For? Glory, maybe? I'll leave you with that.

Josh created Ghosted 100%, just like David Schulner created Clone and Chris Dingess created Manifest Destiny. Other titles, like Thief of Thieves, have characters and concepts created by Robert, but then we hire writers like the aforementioned Andy Diggie to run with. It's not terribly complicated. We run "Created By" credits in all our issues.

Cheers (as in I'm watching the tv show right now; no, really),

Andrew J. Shaw

Good one, Shaw. Solid joke to wrap things up. Bravo.

I just read Invincible #104. Great issue! I feel like you maybe stole some story points from Nick Spencer's "The Infinite Vacation" but that's not really a complaint because that book rocked and if you're going to imitate, at least it's some great stuff.

"Stole?" "Imitate?" Not terribly impressed with your opening gambit, buddy...

Angstrom Levy has been around far longer than Infinite Vacation...

Anyway, about a year or so ago I had a thought: What if

Kirkman's grand plan for Invincible is to slowly turn him from a hero to a villain, to show how that kind of change might happen, through gradual and believable character development? I don't think it's the kind of thing that's ever been done before -- at least not with aplomb. I loved Mark Waid's "Irredeemable," but that story started after the Plutonian had already gone bad. There's the Anakin/Vader story, but three two-hour prequels hardly qualifies as gradual, and the sloppy storytelling in the prequel trilogy hardly qualifies as believable character development. There are plenty of alternate-reality/What If/Elseworlds stories from the Big Two, but those usually amount to little more than a gimmick.

We've all just had our minds blown by Breaking Bad, haven't we?

Shortly after having that thought, I dismissed it, but every now and then when I'm reading "Invincible," that idea reasserts itself, and sometimes it almost seems as if you're dropping hints that we're moving in that direction. If you were able to pull it off, it would be a remarkable feat of comic book writing. It would also be a huge risk to essentially sacrifice a great superhero idea by turning him into a villain, but it's also the kind of ballsy move I can see you going for, especially since it's one of those things you can really only do with a creator-owned character. This kind of thing is never going to happen to a "main universe" Marvel or DC character.

Angstrom is pretty upfront in the issue about how often Invincible turns out to be a bad guy, or do bad things. So it's not an idea that's sneaking up on people as much as an idea that Mark will have to struggle with.

Exactly...

So I write this letter to say: If that's really your plan, go for it! I think it would be fantastic. Of course, I also know that if I'm right, this letter is never going to see print!

J. Klein

Next month,... well, is it too much to ask for more Battle Beast? And what the hell just happened to Doc Seismic?! Ryan Ottley, I love the way you draw weird...

And hey, while you're here, check out the preview of Skybound's newest title, Manifest Destiny!

-Sean Mackiewicz

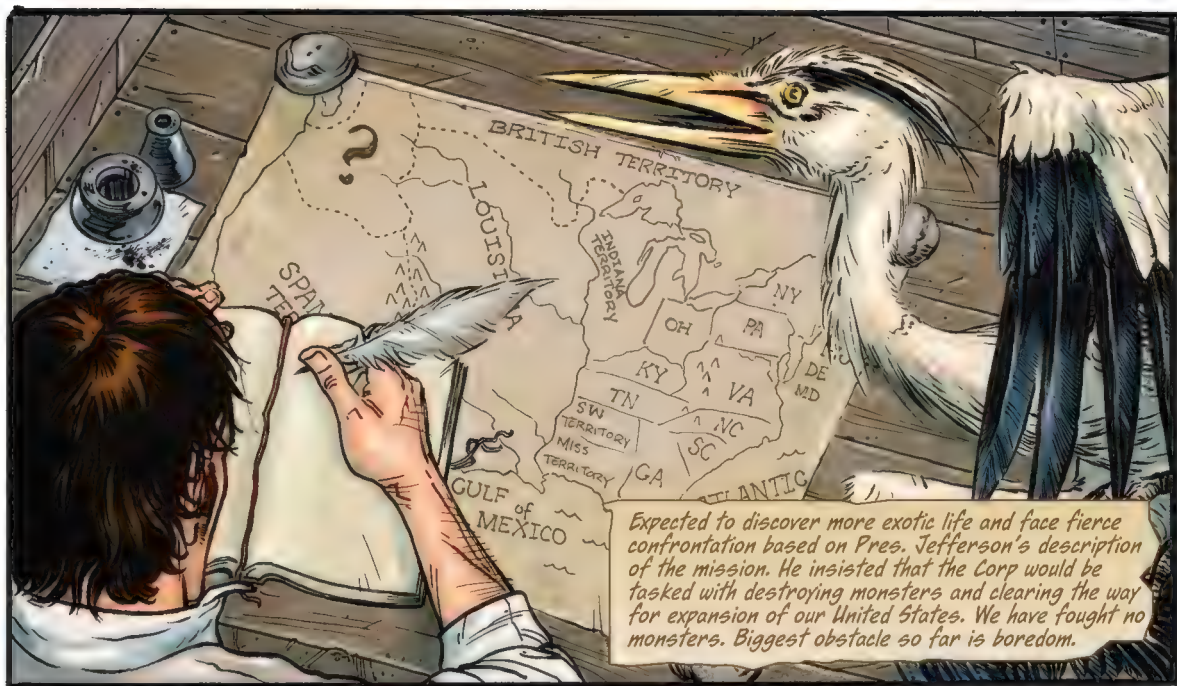
Ryan's got PLENTY of weird to draw next month, too! Stay tuned! And thanks for reading. I'll try to pick up the slack for Andrew J. Shaw very soon. I don't want him to get bored.

-Robert Kirkman

23, May 1804. Set out early.
Expect to make La Charette within
one or two days. Current has been mild.
Haven't seen sign of man (or creature)
for over one week. We continue to
carry out the public aspect of
our mission.







Expected to discover more exotic life and face fierce confrontation based on Pres. Jefferson's description of the mission. He insisted that the Corp would be tasked with destroying monsters and clearing the way for expansion of our United States. We have fought no monsters. Biggest obstacle so far is boredom.



The volunteer army doesn't seem to have a problem with it. Regular duties seem to be enough to fill their day. It's the others I'm concerned about.



The mercenaries. The convicts. They were brought in as expendable manpower for struggles that aren't occurring.

The devil seems to have sway over their idle hands. Jensen, one of those men Clark retrieved from the stockade, stole rum from the mess.



He was disciplined by Captain Clark. Twenty lashes.

THWACK!

NNGGHH!

At first, I had apprehensions about our decision to keep the men uninformed as to the real reason for the mission.

Now I am glad we didn't, or they might think us mad.

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of a lifetime into the uncharted
American frontier.

But what will they
discover lurking
in the wilds of
the west?

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